THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) to (d) The Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (CWDT) by an Order dated 10th May, 2006 has directed its Registry to make available the reports/ notes of Assessors to the party States for comments within five weeks and further comments within three weeks. The party States have filed their comments. The CWDT in its hearing on 10th July, 2006 has taken note of the comments/cross comments filed by the party States and further Order on these comments/cross comments has been reserved by the Tribunal.

Rehabilitation of Narmada oustees

2711. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shunglu Committee which was set up on Supreme Court's direction found no major discrepancy in the Action Taken Report of the Madhya Pradesh State Government showing the status of rehabilitation of Narmada oustees;

(b) if so, what is the status of such oustees in Gujarat and other affected States; and

(c) whether any final date has been fixed when this rehabilitation would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) to (c) The Narmada Control Authority based on the clearances given by its Sub-Groups and fulfilment of the requirements laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court gives permission to raising of the Sardar Sarovar Dam height in stages. The NCA gave permission to raise the height of the Sardar Sarovar Dam from EL 110.64 m to EL 121.92 m in the 76th Emergency meeting held on 8.3.2006, after following the procedure laid down in the Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal Award and Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 18th October, 2000 and 15th March, 2005.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister in response to the reference made by the Hon'ble Minister (WR) and observations of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its Order dated 17th April, 2006 decided to constitute Sardar Sarovar Project Resettlement & Rehabilitation Oversight Group (OSG) headed by Shri V.K. Shunglu to verify the status of rehabilitation in Madhya Pradesh of the families affected by raising the height of the dam from EL 110.64 m to EL 121.92 m as per the approved design.

The OSG has investigated the matter and submitted its report as per the terms of reference to the Hon'ble Minister (WR) on 3rd July, 2006. The Hon'ble Minister (WR) submitted the Report to the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 3rd July, 2006. The decision taken by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 8th July, 2006 on the Report of OSG was filed in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India along with the Report of the OSG on 10th July, 2006, as per the direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its Order dated 8th May, 2006 in the matter of Civil Writ Petition No. 328 of 2002.

The Supreme Court of India heard the matter on 10th July, 2006. The Court directed the parties to file their response to the Report within three weeks and replies thereto within three weeks thereafter. The case has been listed for September, 2006. Meanwhile, directions have been issued to Government of Madhya Pradesh to expedite the works on the Resettlement and Rehabilitation sites and to take measures as directed by the Hon'ble Prime Minister.

As per the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, raising of the height of the Sardar Sarovar Dam beyond 90 metres will be only *pari passu* with the implementation of the relief and rehabilitation and on the clearance by the relief and rehabilitation Sub-Group. As per the status of Resettlement & Rehabilitation (R&R) as on 7.4.2006, 31,500 Project Affected Families likely to be under impact of submergence due to raising the dam height upto EL 121.92 m pertaining to the State of Gujarat, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh have been resettled. Out of 31,500 PAFs, 4726 families belong to Gujarat, 3452 families to Maharashtra and 23,322 families to Madhya Pradesh.

Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal

2712. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a tribunal was set up in 1998 to resolve the dispute between Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and other concerned Sates over sharing of the Cauvery river water; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and when the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal is likely to submit its final report?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UP-DIN SOZ): (a) and (b) The Cauvery Water disputes Tribunal (CWDT) was constituted on June, 2, 1990 for adjudication of the water disputes relating to inter-State river Cauvery and river valleys thereof emerging from the letter of Government of Tamil Nadu of July, 1986. The report and decision of the